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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is directed to a new U.S. application as identified above.

Please enter this preliminary amendment prior to calculating the fees.

Please substitute the attached specification, claims and abstract (18 pages) for the attached English translation of the PCT application as filed (17 pages), and use the substitute application for examination purposes.

REMARKS

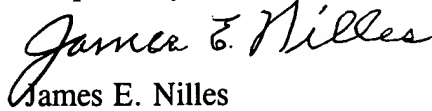
The specification has been amended to insert headings and an Abstract has been added. Claims 3, 5 and 8 has been amended to eliminate the multiple dependencies. A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached and entitled *Version With Markings to Show Changes Made*.

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Entry of the amendments and early consideration and allowance are respectfully
requested.

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